

2006 RMA FUELS & FIRE USE WORKSHOP EVALUATION SUMMARY

JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 2, 2006

BOULDER, CO

TOTAL RESPONSES: 11

1). What portions of the workshop were useful and interesting to me?

- Smoke Mgmt. Update - 3
- Fire Use Case Reviews - 4
- Rx Reviews - 3
- Rx Handbook Review - 2
- Behave - 6
- HRO/Refresher - 6
- Liability/Neg. - 7
- Wx Outlook - 7
- IC Perspective - 2
- Nexus/New FM's - 9
- Panel Presentation - 2
- Fire Use Mods. - 3
- CWPP - 3

2). What portions of the workshop were not particularly useful or interesting to me?

- Wx Outlook - 1
- IC Perspective/Team - 2
- Fire Use Mods. - 3
- Liability/Neg. - 1
- Handbook Review - 1
- WFU Handbook Review - 1
- Panel Presentation - 4
- CWPP - 2
- Behave - 2

3). Should this workshop be held on a regular basis or not? (Yes/No; If no, how often?)

- Yes - 10 No - 1
- How often? 2 responses annually, 1 response - every 2 years unless significant policy changes occur.
1 response - every other year (have fire behavior workshop/refresher in off years).

4). Your opinions of the overall conference, length, facilities, format, group size and dynamics?

	exc.	very good	good	fair	poor
Overall conference	5	4	2		
Length	3	5	2	*	
Format	1	8	1	1	
Dynamics	2	3	5	1	
Group size		5	6		
Facilities		1	3	7	

* one response was rated good → fair

5). What needs to be improved or omitted in the future?

(Number represents # of comments other than 1)

- Proposed Rx manual MES(?) folks
- Line Officer Representation RSVP process - 2
- "Air it Out" earlier - 2 More breaks - 2
- FUM discussion too long
- More state/local input and issues
- More web-site info.
- Create a panel w/ 1 rep. from each of RMA states to speak about F&FU projects and issues.

6). Comments:

TOPICS:

- Mechanical Treatments and info. (comparison of methods/equipment). (2 responses)
- Need topic in proper documentation.
- A session in smoke modeling software instead of fire behavior software.
- New policy and how it changes how we do business.
- Committee report.
- Separate workshop on tech. transfer.
- Ask participants to bring burn plans/templates

FACILITIES:

- Conference room slightly cramped.
- Need more bathrooms.
- Better coffee service
- Room layout bad (screen, no room for posters, talking w/ others).
- No trash cans.

OVERALL:

- Air-it-out losing momentum/interest - have it earlier in the week.
- Avoid repeat of certain topics b/w years.
- Need to get CSFS Rep. on Committee.
- Consider a cooperator on Committee.
- Need more poster sessions from State/Private projects.
- Night session need to be more organized.
- Smoke mgmt. guidance was good.
- Abbreviate last day to ½ day (for travel).
- "Let's move beyond DVD's and keep it short and sweet."

- Very focused on Fed. Issues/develop State/local involvement and topics.
- "I learned much about Fire Use I didn't know before."
- "Great move to get the experts here to talk."